Goals and Objectives for ORDC

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1. **Economic Development:** Create a fully integrated, well-managed transportation system that drives business growth, prosperity and job creation	Work with ODOT, ODOD and other agencies to assist businesses locating or expanding in Ohio to have efficient rail access Provide incentives that improve access to rail service, highways, air and water ports and reduce transportation costs, capital expenditures and start-up costs Develop policies to balance the needs of existing industries with the transportation requirements of new growth sectors Provide an integrated, robust transportation system that supports Ohio's manufacturing base
2. **Safety:** Work with the railroads, PUCO and ODOT to maintain a safe rail system	Identify the most hazardous highway grade crossings and provide funding for warning devices and the Preemption Program Conduct public education safety campaigns Continue to meet Federal 130 Program requirements

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3. Environmental Benefits: Support freight and passenger transportation programs and projects that improve Ohio's environment and reduce its carbon footprint	Support responsible land use development and smart growth strategies along rail lines Incorporate green principles in future rail projects
4. Efficient Railways: Sponsor programs and projects that improve time reliability, access and seamless connections between rail and other transportation modes	Collect and analyze data and make recommendations to maintain a reliable rail system that ensures timely deliveries Preserve, maintain and modernize the rail system Preserve rights of way for future use Improve access to markets and seamless intermodal connectivity for freight and passenger services

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5. **Improve Quality of Life:** Provide Ohio's citizens and businesses with transportation options, connectivity and opportunities	Create a network of fast, frequent, and reliable passenger trains that connect Ohio's major cities while increasing transportation capacity for moving more freight by train
6. **Invest in Rail Infrastructure:**	Identify financial resources for rail projects and programs Determine what projects warrant public vs. private funding Develop funding strategies to finance rail projects through multi-agency authorities, public private partnerships and allowing public sector investments in private modal operations when clear public benefit can be demonstrated